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SUBJECT: WEHNER RE-ELECTED SPD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
CHAIRMAN

SUMMARY: THE SPD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP RE-ELECTED HERBERT
WEHNER AS CHAIRMAN ON DECEMBER 4. WEHNER RECEIVED MORE
NO VOTES THAN EVER BEFORE, BUT HE STILL RECEIVED AN 80
PERCENT MAJORITY AND REMAINS IN A STRONG POSITION. THE
FIVE VICE-CHAIRMEN AND ALL BUT TWO OF THE ADDITIONAL
EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORATE WERE ALSO RE-ELECTED.
END SUMMARY.

1. THE VOTE ON WEHNER WAS 172-47. ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF NO VOTES WEHNER HAS EVER RECEIVED, THE
RESULTS CAN STILL BE CONSIDERED AS A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE
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IN WEHNER'S POLICIES, INCLUDING HIS OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM

OF THE GOVERNMENT. WEHNER HIMSELF HAD PREDICTED ON HIS RETURN FROM MOSCOW THAT HIS STATEMENTS THERE WOULD BE REMEMBERED WITH SOME NO VOTES ON DECEMBER 4, BUT HE HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE CONSIDERS IT HIS DUTY TO CRITICIZE WHEN NECESSARY. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT WEHNER, NOW THAT HE HAS BEEN RECONFIRMED BY SUCH A LARGE MAJORITY, WILL INTENSIFY HIS ATTACKS ON THE GOVERNMENT AND ESPECIALLY ON THE FDP. HE WILL PROBABLY MAKE A PARTICULAR EFFORT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE SPD IS AND MUST BEHAVE LIKE THE STRONGER COALITION PARTNER.

2. RE-ELECTED AS DEPUTY CHAIRMEN WERE SCHAEFER, ARNDT, METZGER, MOELLER, AND SCHELLENBERG IN THAT ORDER.

3. THE FOLLOWING EIGHTEEN ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE DIRECTORATE WERE ELECTED: BRUECK, VON BUELOW, BUSCHFORT, EHRENBURG, EILERS, FELLERMAIER, FRIEDRICH, HAUCK, LIEDTKE, MATTICK, MEINECKE, OFFERGELD, SCHLEI, SCHMIDT (GELLERSEN), SCHMUDE, WISCHNEWSKI, JUNGHANS, AND DUERR. OF THESE ONLY EHRENBURG AND OFFERGELD ARE NEW; NOT RE-ELECTED WERE WILLI MUELLER AND WEHNER BUCHSTALLER. ALSO NOT RE-ELECTED WERE LEFT WING CANDIDATES SPERLING AND ENGHOLM. HILLENBRAND

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